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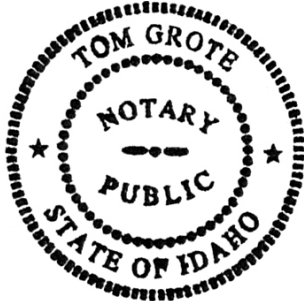
I, Tricia Warren, being duly sworn and say, I am the office manager of The Star-News, a weekly newspaper published at McCall, in the County of Valley, State of Idaho; that said newspaper is in general circulation in the county of afore said and is a legal newspaper; that the PUBLIC NOTICE, a copy of which is enclosed hereto and is a part hereof, was published in said newspaper once a week for a period of one week in the regular and entire issue of every number there of during the period of time of publication, and was published in the newspaper proper and not in a supplement; and that publication of such notice began July 26, 2018 and ended July 26, 2018.

Tricia Warren

Subscribed and sworn before me this the 26th day of July, 2018.
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On this 26th day of July in the year of 2018, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Tricia Warren, known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by me first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.



Tom Grote

Tom Grote
Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at McCall, Idaho
Commission Expires 1/19/2024

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT BIG CREEK HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD UNDER 36 CFR 218

Opportunity to Comment on Big Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project

The Forest Service, Payette National Forest, Krassel Ranger District, is preparing an Environmental Assessment for the Big Creek Hazardous Fuels Reduction project. The proposed fuels treatments are in direct proximity to the Edwardsburg-Big Creek communities, private lands, USFS Administrative sites and along Forest Roads (FR) 50340 (Warren-Profile Gap), FS Road 50343 (Logan Creek), Government Creek FS Road 50344 and FS Road 50371 (Big Creek-Smith Creek) and associated spur roads. These treatments would reduce the risk of effects to private homes, structures, other private property, and National Forest resources, from wildland fires and would increase the effectiveness of fire suppression efforts, as well as improve ingress/egress of public and emergency responders. Approximately 10,600 acres would be treated with this project in one of the following manners:

- Approximately 2,250 acres of mechanical treatments consisting of commercial and non-commercial thinning, using tractor, jammer or skyline systems, or mastication.
- Approximately 550 acres of non-commercial thinning within Riparian Conservation Areas using hand treatments and pile burning
- Approximately 7,800 acres of natural fuel prescribed fire burn blocks.

Less than 1 mile of temporary road could be constructed to facilitate equipment access and product removal and would be reclaimed after vegetation management treatments were completed.

The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Krassel Ranger District Office and on the website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54260>.

Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Justin Pappani, 500 N Mission Bldg 2 McCall, Id 83638, 208.634.0623, jpappani@fs.fed.us.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Your comments are welcome at any time; however, to be considered for standing Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and C.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §218.

Written, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Star News. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period

Written comments must be submitted to via the website or sent hardcopy to: Anthony Botello, District Ranger, 500 N Mission St Bldg 2 McCall, Idaho 83638. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 0800-1630 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Electronic comments may be submitted on the project webpage. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. Comments received in response to this request will be available for public inspection and will be released in their entirety if requested pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

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